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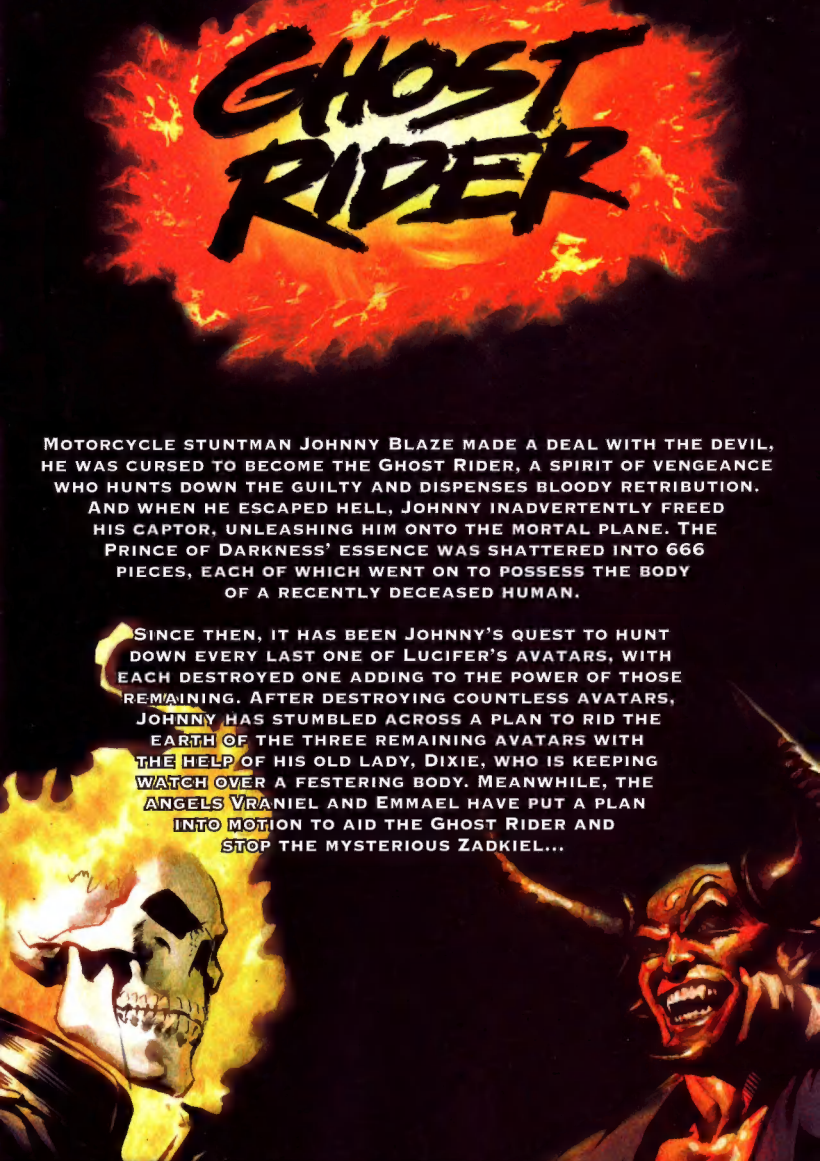

MOTORCYCLE STUNTMAN JOHNNY BLAZE MADE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, HE WAS CURSED TO BECOME THE GHOST RIDER, A SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE WHO HUNTS DOWN THE GUILTY AND DISPENSES BLOODY RETRIBUTION. AND WHEN HE ESCAPED HELL, JOHNNY INADVERTENTLY FREED HIS CAPTOR, UNLEASHING HIM ONTO THE MORTAL PLANE. THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS' ESSENCE WAS SHATTERED INTO 666 PIECES, EACH OF WHICH WENT ON TO POSSESS THE BODY OF A RECENTLY DECEASED HUMAN.

SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN JOHNNY'S QUEST TO HUNT DOWN EVERY LAST ONE OF LUCIFER'S AVATARS, WITH EACH DESTROYED ONE ADDING TO THE POWER OF THOSE REMAINING. AFTER DESTROYING COUNTLESS AVATARS, JOHNNY HAS STUMBLED ACROSS A PLAN TO RID THE EARTH OF THE THREE REMAINING AVATARS WITH THE HELP OF HIS OLD LADY, DIXIE, WHO IS KEEPING WATCH OVER A FESTERING BODY. MEANWHILE, THE ANGELS VRANIEL AND EMMAEL HAVE PUT A PLAN INTO MOTION TO AID THE GHOST RIDER AND STOP THE MYSTERIOUS ZADKIEL...

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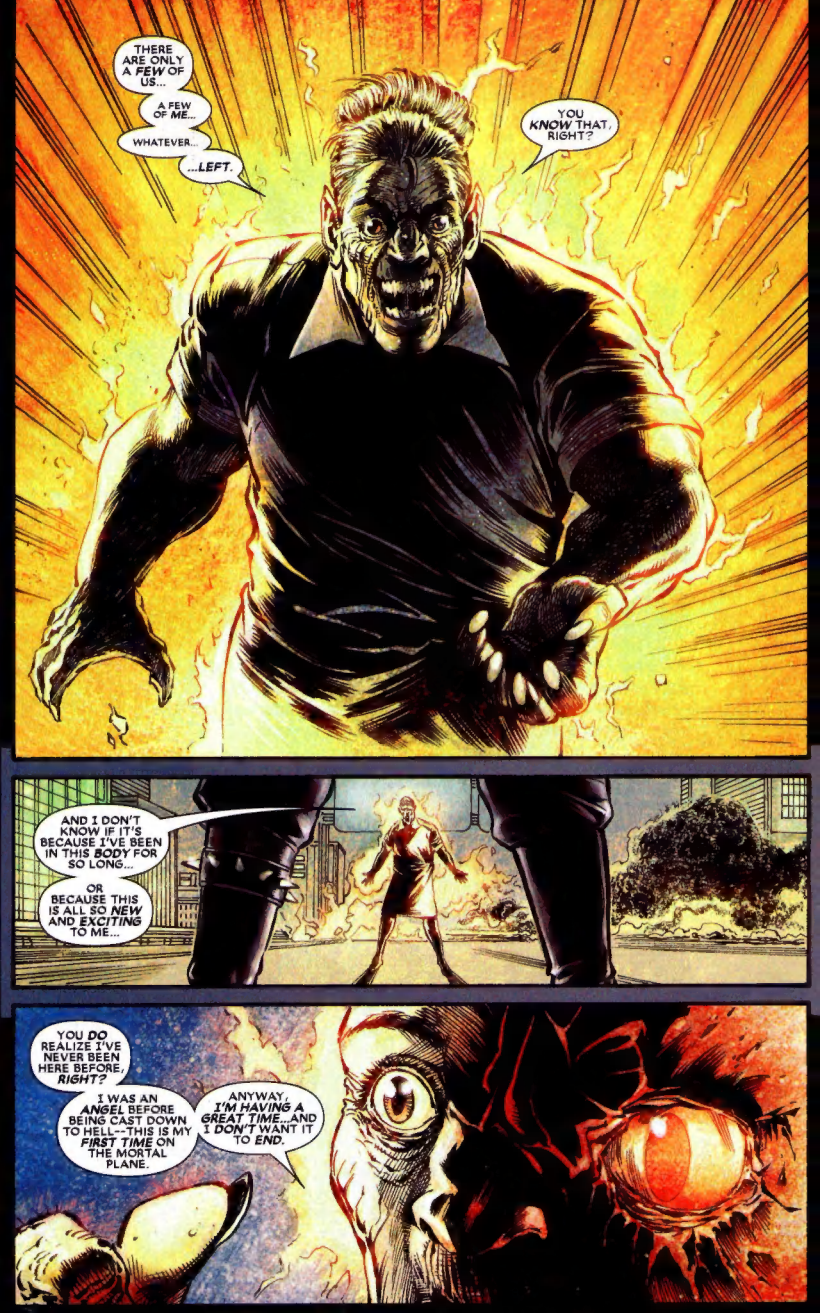
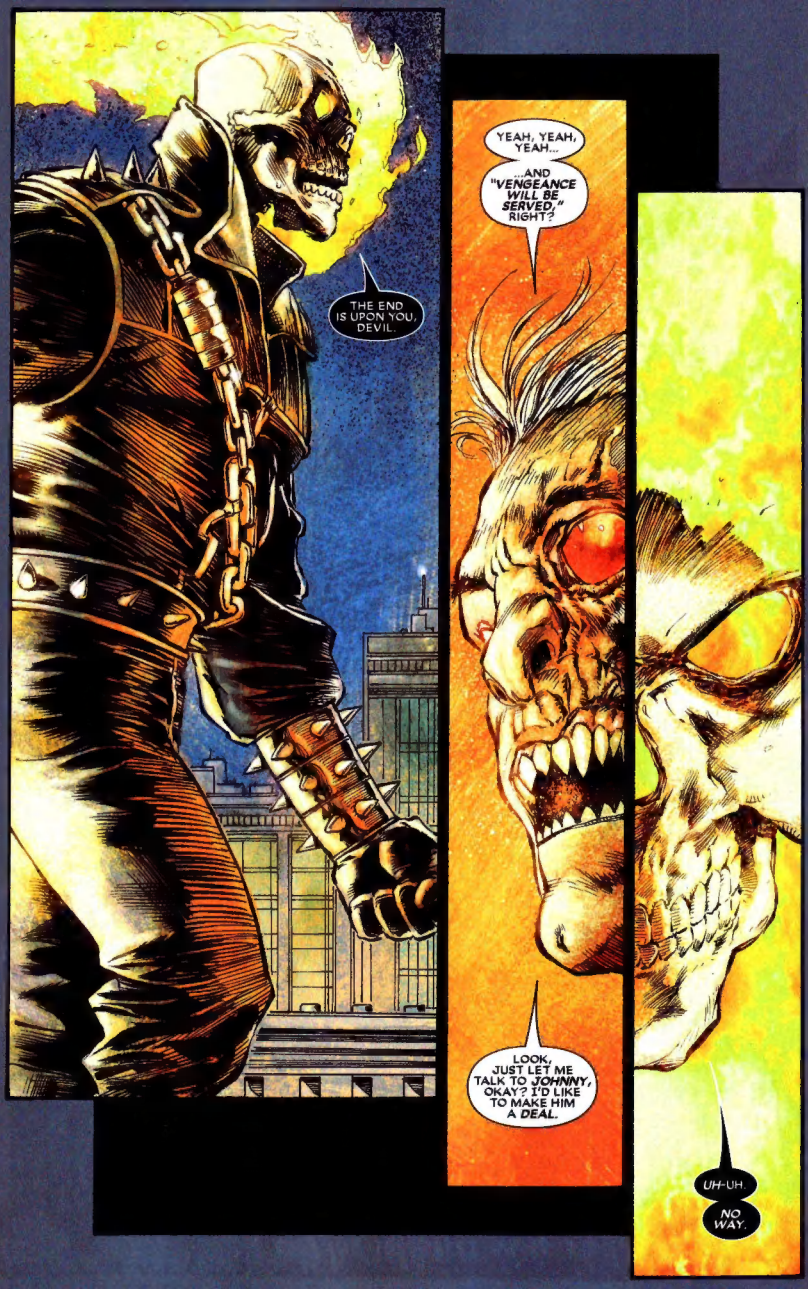

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF US...
A FEW OF ME...
WHATEVER...
...LEFT.
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THIS BODY FOR SO LONG...
OR BECAUSE THIS IS ALL SO NEW AND EXCITING TO ME...
YOU DO REALIZE I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE, RIGHT?
I WAS AN ANGEL BEFORE BEING CAST DOWN TO HELL--THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ON THE MORTAL PLANE.
ANYWAY, I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME...AND I DON'T WANT IT TO END.


THE END IS UPON YOU, DEVIL.
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH...
...AND *"VENGEANCE WILL BE SERVED,"* RIGHT?
LOOK, JUST LET ME TALK TO *JOHNNY*, OKAY? I'D LIKE TO MAKE HIM A *DEAL*.
UH-UH.
NO WAY.

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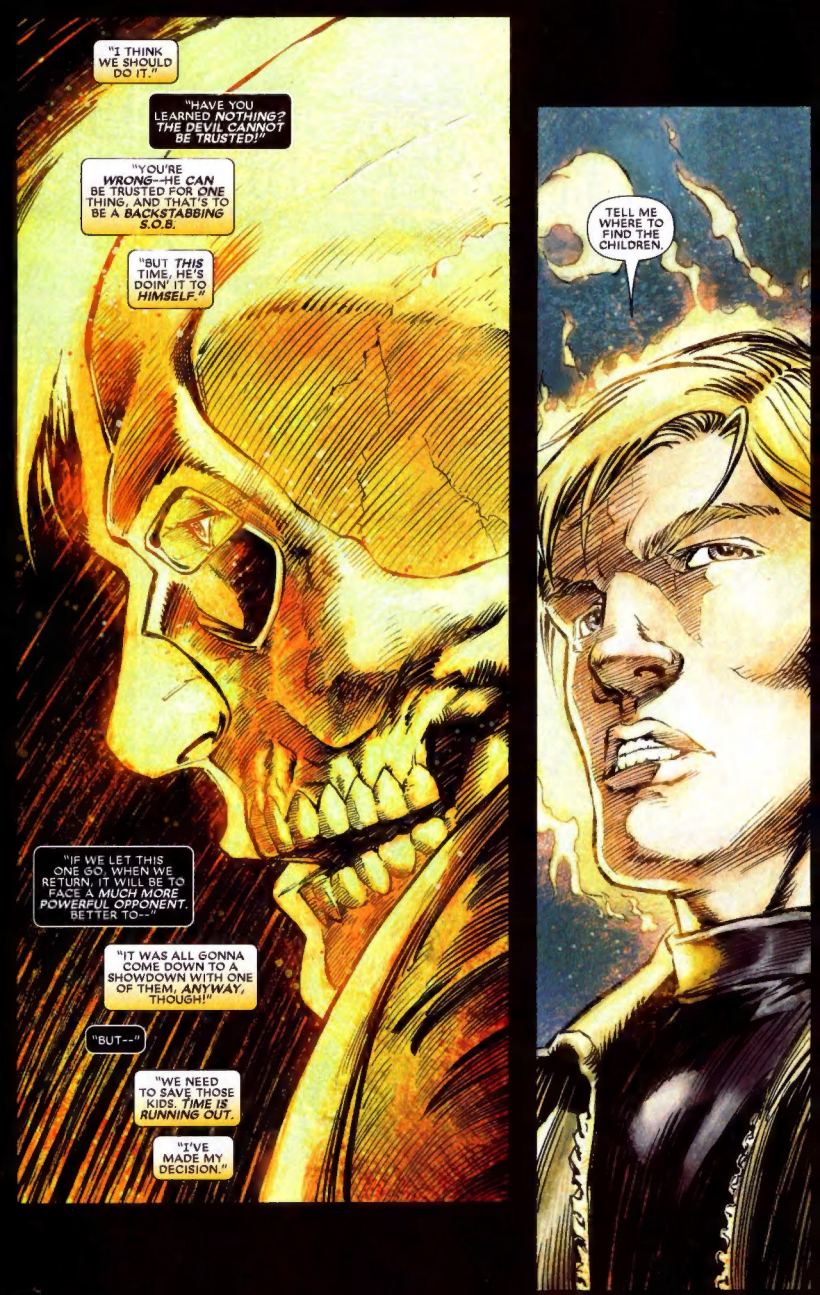
YOU... IDIOT!
I'M OFFERING TO HELP YOU!
I CAN TELL YOU WHERE HE'S HIDING THE CHILDREN!
WHERE?
I'LL TELL YOU, BUT WHAT I WANT IN RETURN IS FOR YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE.
AT THE END OF ALL THIS, I WANT TO BE THE LAST MAN--
OR, UH, WOMAN...
--STANDING.
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO HELL... THAT PLACE SUCKS.
AS YOU WELL KNOW.


"I THINK WE SHOULD DO IT."
"HAVE YOU LEARNED *NOTHING? THE DEVIL CANNOT BE TRUSTED!*"
"YOU'RE *WRONG*--HE *CAN* BE TRUSTED FOR *ONE* THING, AND THAT'S TO BE A *BACKSTABBING S.O.B.*
"BUT *THIS* TIME, HE'S DOIN' IT TO *HIMSELF.*"
"IF WE LET THIS ONE GO, WHEN WE RETURN, IT WILL BE TO FACE A *MUCH MORE POWERFUL OPPONENT.* BETTER TO--"
"IT WAS ALL GONNA COME DOWN TO A SHOWDOWN WITH ONE OF THEM, *ANYWAY,* THOUGH!"
"BUT--"
"WE NEED TO SAVE THOSE KIDS. *TIME IS RUNNING OUT.*
"I'VE MADE MY DECISION."
TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THE CHILDREN.

OKAY.
BUT KEEP IN MIND, THE--
--WHATEVER YOU'D CALL IT... "PSYCHIC LINK"?--
--BETWEEN ALL OF MY SEPARATE PIECES IS TENUOUS, AT BEST. THE ONLY REASON I BECAME AWARE OF THE WHOLE "HOSTAGE SITUATION" IS BECAUSE TWO OTHERS OF US ARE AWARE OF IT.
KIND OF A "TRIANGULATION"-TYPE OF THING.
NO TURN
THAT PROBABLY JUST CONFUSES YOU, HUH?
MY PATIENCE...
NEARS ITS LIMIT, DEMON.
OKAY, OKAY...
IT'S A BARN, AND IT HAS A...A BIG SIGN PAINTED ON ONE SIDE.
A LITTLE GIRL...EATING SOMETHING. SMILING.
WHERE...
...IS THE BARN?
A DIRT ROAD...
WHEAT FIELDS...
COLVILLE.

LET'S GO!
WHERE ARE WE--?
I SAW A *SIGN* FOR COLVILLE ON OUR WAY *HERE*--IT'S ABOUT AN HOUR AWAY.
AN HOUR AWAY...BY *CAR?*
HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE BEFORE--?
OH, YEAH...

NOPE, HAVEN'T SEEN HIM-- EVERYTHING'S GOING FINE, HERE.
BORING, BUT F--
COACH
C-COACH BRENNER...?
WE'RE SO... THIRSTY...
HMM...
WELL, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO SOME OF THIS DELICIOUS ORANGE-FLAVORED SPORTS DRINK...
GLUG GLUG
10
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU CONFUSED, OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T SHOW MERCY...
...THAT'S THE OTHER GUY.

TH-THERE!
THAT... MUST BE IT!
Sunlight
THIS IS... A LOT...
...HARDER ON THE MORTAL PLANE THAN IT IS... IN HEAVEN!
YEAH, IT... TOOK A LOT LONGER TO...
...GET HERE THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD.
SO...WHAT'S THE...PLAN, VRANIEL?
DESTROY THE... DEMON AND THEN... WAIT FOR THE GHOST RIDER TO...ARRIVE? IT'D BE A GREAT WAY TO GAIN HIS...
CONFIDENCE...
UNFORTUNATELY... NO.
BECAUSE HE'S...
...ALREADY HERE.
WHY IS HE...GETTING ON TOP OF THE--?
I...I THINK HE'S GOING TO--

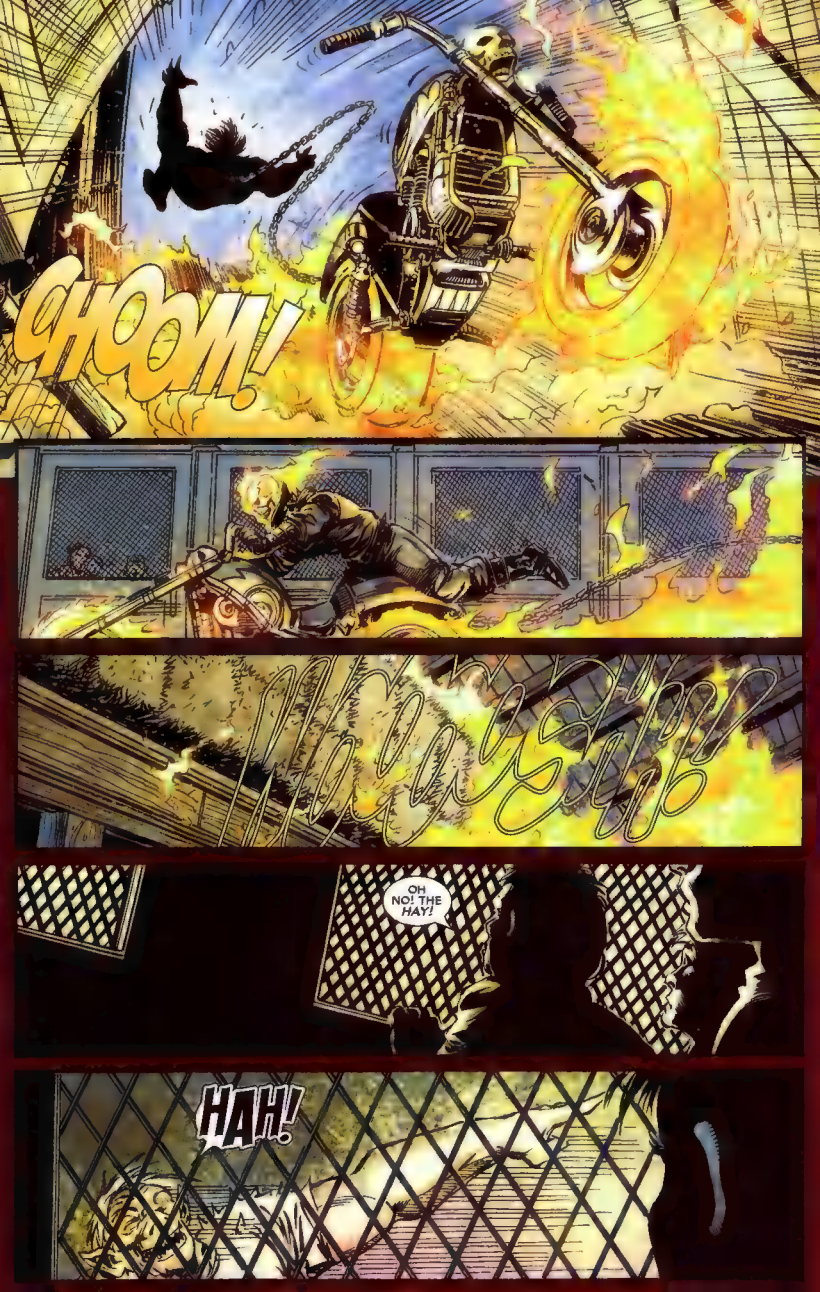
KKRROOMM!

RRRAHHHRRR!
--GLKH!
KROKK!
FWOKK!
KRAKK!
OH, NO--
THE PHONE!

"HOW'M I GONNA CALL DIXIE?!"
GUH--!
NO.
NO.
THIS IS JUST...TOO #$%&IN' GROSS.
WAMM!
WHY HAVEN'T YOU CALLED, JOHNNY?

"WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?"
THUD!
NOW I'M GONNA FINISH--
--HUNH?
OH...I GET IT. THE OTHER END IS TIED TO YOUR--
WWRRROOOOOOMMMMM!

CH-KAKKT!
COACH
SKRAKK!
FWWAMMM!
OH CRAP...
HRRRAAAAAAAAAAHH--!
COACH


CHOOM!
OH NO! THE HAY!
HAH!

OOOOOHH...
CHNK!
CHNK!
WHAT--?
GAAAAHH!
SSHANK!
WHAT...
...IS THE DEAL WITH ALL THE &#%$ING CHAINS?!

"DON'T YOU EVER RUN OUT?"
HRK!
HRRRRK--!
GRRRAAAAAHHHRRR!
NO.

YOUR TIME HAS COME TO AN *END*, DEMON...
...AND VENGEANCE IS UPON YOU.
COACH
IT'S "*UPON*" ME, HUH?
WELL, *THAT* SUCKS...
BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANNA SAVE THE *KIDS* FIRST?
NNOOOOOO!!

FEAR NOT, SPIRIT...
...FOR THE CHILDREN ARE SAFE.
YOU--!
FFWWOOOOMM!

SSSHOK!
AAIIIEEEEEEEE--!
VRANIEL!
HNNN...

WASN'T... READY...
TO EXPEND SUCH... POWER...
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM EMMAEL AND THIS...
...IS MY BROTHER, VRANIEL.
WE ARE ANGELS, OF THE MALAKIM, AND WE HAVE COME TO YOUR AID.
I DO NOT NEED...
...AID.
I JUST NEED A PHONE.

RINNNNG!
RINNNNG!
BEHOLD.
To Be Continued...

GHOST WRITERS

Howdy, Ghost Readers, welcome back! Hope you enjoyed this month's issue. Let's kick right into the mail:

Hey, Ghost Writers!

Whassup from Georgia. I was reading through issue #14 and read your statement that pictures of GR tats are GUARANTEED to get your letter printed. I'm gonna put you guys to the test then!

This is my GR tat on my left leg. Got it from Sam Hacker at the Jade Dragon in Chicago.

Love the current ongoing GR series. Trail of Tears was pretty good too. Ennis and Crain did good with that but Javier Saltares and Mark Texeira are my faves, taking me back to the Dan Ketch series which is still my favorite GR incarnation. Issue #15 was a little slow on the action--I hope it's building up to a kick-ass throwdown in the following issues. 'Til then, make mine Marvel!

Sincerely,
Paul D.
Milledgeville, GA

Paulie D! Would I lie to you? Of COURSE we'll print your letter and tat picture…especially since it's the ONLY one we've received lately. Looks like the rest of our Ghost Readership needs to make their move and get some ink done.

Glad to hear how much you're loving Jarv and Tex—did you notice anything different about this ish? It was still broke down by Jarv and colored by the phenomenal Dan Brown, but this month we had finishes by Comics Legend, Tom Palmer! If you aren't familiar with his work, you could do a lot worse than to find some classic Palmer-inked AVENGERS and TOMB OF DRACULA. What do you guys think about Palmer's work on ole' flamehead? Send me your thoughts at spideyoffice@marvel.com!

Dear Ghost Rider Team,

I love Ghost Rider—it's good to have him back full-time. My first time reading GHOST RIDER was in the Dan Ketch books of the 1990s—it was the best book of its time. I got a few things to ask:

1. Did Marvel ever print the last Dan Ketch GHOST RIDER #94?
2. Will the Midnight Sons return? I'd love to see the NightStalkers, Morbius and the Darkhold Redeemers also.
3. Will Dan Ketch be in the book?

Until Ghost Rider starts riding a hellfire go-kart, Make Mine Marvel!

Long live the Spirit of Vengeance!
Joey Duggan
Jacksonville, FL

Hey, Joey! I LOVE numbered questions:

1. Why, yes, we most certainly did—it came out a few months back under the title GHOST RIDER FINALE. You should still be able to find it at well-stocked comic book shops.

2. The WHO?…hah! Just kidding! There aren't currently any plans for those characters, but you never know—if enough people ask for them to come back…

3. Again, no real plans for Danny Ketch as of this moment.

What do other readers think? Do they miss Danny Ketch as much as Joey does? Why do people like him so much better than Johnny? Let me know if YOU'D like to see Danny Ketch back on the bike.

Dear Marvel,
Before I compliment you on the terrific work you're all doing on the current GHOST RIDER series, I was wondering about something. You did a CIVIL WAR tie-in way back in issues #8-11, and while it was well-done, I'm wondering if you have any plans to actually bring the SHRA to Johnny's doorstep. I mean, I know WORLD WAR HULK is going on right now and Iron Man is still being held captive, but how much longer can GR seek out vengeance without IM or someone like that noticing it? I think it would be an awesome story arc!!!

So yeah, for the compliment...I'm thoroughly enjoying the current GR series!! Daniel Way is a great writer, and Mark and Javier are a potent one-two punch in the art department! Keep up the great work!!! Oh yeah, and I JUST bought a subscription for the comic as well!

Sammy Allouba
Toronto, ON

P.S. BRING BACK DAN KETCH!!!!!! I MISS HIS CHARACTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sammy, you're clearly very serious about bringing back Dan Ketch—I can tell from all the exclamation points.

As for your question, if you remember way back to issues 6 and 7, we saw how Johnny ended up in hell at the beginning of the series: he was shot in the face! So, up until the events of the WORLD WAR HULK tie-in, Tony Stark had every reason to believe that Johnny was dead and gone. Now he knows that Johnny is back, but there's a whole lot of truck stops and motels in this country for a guy like Johnny to be hiding out in.

Hey, Ghost Rider Crew:

I dig the latest issue, like all the previous issues. I like the violence that Ghost Rider commits against the Satan-zombies…I want more of this. They should have increasingly bizarre and twisted death scenes…I'm sure you can come up with some wild stuff.

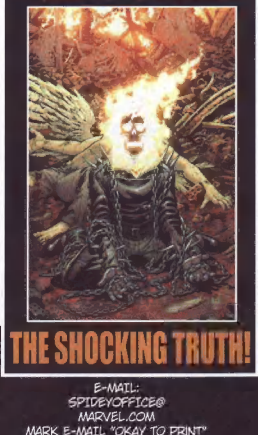
I also want to see Dixie stick around as a supporting character; she could be played by Pam Anderson in the next movie…but, who is that dead body in her truck trailer? And I'm still somewhat unclear on what these angels plan to do on Earth…By the way, Johnny, get to work on saving those kids!

Here's to more brawls and mayhem in the next issue!

Christopher Currie
Detroit, MI

Thanks for all the compliments, Christopher—and you've got a lot of questions. In this issue, you learned a little more about what the angels Emmael and Vraniel are up to, but for any more than that…you're just gonna have to keep on reading! And keep on reading you should, because coming up next issue, we have, bar none, the biggest, hugest, most colossal revelation (get where the arc's name comes from?) in the history of Ghost Rider, EVER! Don't miss it!

--Aubrey



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